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Et Tu. Joseph W .!

Say what you please, the President is a lucky man. For latest evidence of the fact read the speech of Senator Bailey delivered in Brooklyn last night, and note particularly the stress laid on Mr. Roosevelt's rashness and high spirit. No humor was intended. Mr. Bailey meant all he said, and said it with a straight face. But think of such an indictment from such a source! Mr. Balley is a man of marked ability, and by virtue of it became his party's leader on the floor of the House a few years ago. His debating power was excellent. His knowledge of parliamentary law and practice was thorough. That he would distinguish himself in the postseemed certain. But he soon retired from it. The minority proved to be a little hard to handle, and Mr. Bailey's impatience got the better of him. He couldn't control his temper, and saw very plainly that the man who couldn't control himself couldn't control others. Able as he was, his attempt at leadership was shortlived and inglorious.

Texas then, and with many reasons, promoted him to the Senate. Being proud of his talents, she decided to employ them in the higher field of usefulness. Mr. Bailey in that field soon proved his intellectual quality. He went to the front like a thoroughbred, and held his own in the best company. But again his temper and rashness showed themselves. After a spirited debate with Mr. Beveridge one day, Mr. Bailey, who had not come out of it entirely to his satisfaction, walked across the Senate chamber after adjournment to where the Indiana senator sat conversing with some friends and assaulted him physically. It was a most unseemly and unfortunate affair, and it is easy to believe that in his cooler moments Mr. Bafley deeply regretted it. He is as brave as he is able, and such an exhibition, he could see, would injure him before the country.

What have we, then? Mr. Roosevelt is accused of rashness. Physical courage, we are told, is a fine thing, but it has its limitations. In civil office a man should not be stocked with too much ginger. It militates against his usefulness, and makes people uneasy. Suppose the President should lose his temper and assault some foreign power. And this indictment of Theodore Roosevelt is brought by Joseph W. Bailey of Texas!

The District's Riflemen.

It is in the highest degree commendatory to the District National Guard that the rifle team representing it should have won sixth place in the national rifle competition at Fort Riley, Kansas, out of a field of aineteen teams. This achievement would be less notable in other circumstances than those that have prevailed during the past season. The local marksmen have been deprived of their range them to seek a practice ground within the District. That range has now been secured, but the team had to go west at Fort Riley stands, therefore, as a showing of the basic capacity of the men of the guard. It is especially noteworthy that outside of the New York team, which took first prize the District was beaten by no other national guard organization. the four winning combinations standing above it in the competition representing the navy, the army infantry, the army cavalry and the Marine Corps. All of opportunity to practice and have been drawn from large memberships. The New York team's facilities for practice are also excellent. It is safe to say that if the District team had had its regular range work this spring and summer it would have stood much higher on the list of prize winners. Its performance in these circumstances aptly illustrates the excellence of the material of which the local guard is composed.

Judge Parker's Ingratitude.

Last winter and spring, while the New York World was booming Cleveland, the Brooklyn Eagle was booming Parker. The Eagle's was the strongest newspaper inhalf of the sage of Esopus. And, yet, behold the ingratitude of the candidate! Here is the World able to boast that the candidate is an out-and-out anti-imperialist, a scuttler of the Atkinsonian school, while the Eagle, a Rooseveltian imperialist, is left to its reflections and the necessity of day afternoon the Eagle accepted the situation by saying that the United States would not scuttle even if Judge Parker should be elected. Last night Editor Mc Kelway slept at Rosemount. Harmony Well, a brand of an article that will go by that name until November. Then, if Judge Parker is elected, we shall have something else, but of a different character, begin-

The Filipino bandits are making it clear that there is a considerable element in the population of the island that is not looking for self-government or any other kind

Great Britain has no hesitancy in reminding Russia that its Asiatic quarrel cannot be allowed to interfere with the ordinary course of business among nations

A Stupid Roorback.

is never too early for the campaign campalgner as David B. Hill erring so early and so flagrantly as he did yesterday at Binghamton, N. Y. In opening the canvass

"Theodore Roosevelt, the republican candidate for the presidency, is a fraud. At the time he took his oath of office in Bufthe time to box his balance of President McKinley, he declared in public that he would simply fill McKinley's place and that he would not look for renomination. Later, on the same train with McKinley's dead oody, he gave out a statement to the to the effect that he thought he had been misunderstood by the public, which meant practically that he was a candidate for re-The republicans had him their hands and could do nothing but re-

Now, it cannot be that Mr. Hill expects this charge to live many hours. The facts Kinley, was asked by Secretary Root in the name of his colleagues of the cabinet to for calmness in emergency and for the exerare too well known. When Mr. Roosevelt,

take the oath of office immediately, he re-

"I shall take the oath at once, in accord ance with your request, and in this hour of deep and terrible national bereavement I wish to state that it shall be my aim to continue unbroken the policy of President McKinley for the peace and prosperity and honor of our beloved country."

There was no word of Mr. Roosevelt's that indicated a purpose to hint to the public what Mr. Hill declares he then promised as regards his own nomination. He had been for some time virtually an avowed candidate for the republican nomination in 1904, even prior to the renomination of Mr. McKinley. It was an openly understood fact that the move which was made at Philadelphia to name him for second place had for its object the "shelving" of so promising a candidate for the next race When Mr Roosevelt took the oath as President, three and a half years before the time held in view by his warmest supporters for the presidency, there was a universal feeling that he would stand for the next nomination, regardless of his adventitious accession. There was no need for any later explanation to avert possible misunderstanding. Nobody at the time construed his words spoken just before he took the oath as binding him merely to the filling out of Mr. McKinley's term, and it has remained for Mr. Hill at this late date to present as a fact a charge that lacks the

east support in the records. Such assertions cannot but harm the Parker cause. It is a misfortune that the dunder has been made by Judge Parker's hief lieutenant, for it tends to pitch the ampaign in the low key of personal abuse which every indication gave reason to beeve would not prevail this year.

Lax Sanitarians.

The statement has more than once been mphatically made by sanitarians that with co-operative effort on the part of state boards of health and municipal authorities, on a broadly comprehensive plan and with a sufficient fund it would be possible to stamp out typhoid fever in this country within a few seasons; not merely to lessen ts menace, but absolutely to eradicate it It is, in short, clearly a preventible disease the source of infection being well known and easily disinfected. But so indifferent have people been to the possibilities for ooth sanitation and infection, perhaps so ignorant of the easy way to remove all chance of a spread, that the germs of the disease are scattered widely through the country in the soil, finding their way from time to time to the water supply, the milk supply and the vegetable gardens and thence to the human system, to cause fresh

The action of the health authorities o Maryland in the matter of this latest epidemic of the fever at Mt. Savage aptly illustrates the danger of the present loose system of interstate regulation and communication. The fact that typhoid was raging at Mt. Savage in epidemic formsufficiently to cause 120 cases in a population of 2,600-was not deemed of enough importance by the state health officials to cause them to send warning to the authorities of the District, although they knew, or should have known, that the surface drainage of Mt. Savage pours into a tributary of the Potomac and that the people of Washington take their drinking water from the latter stream.

If the Maryland health officials did not realize the danger they are subject to criticism for their failure to realize the responsibility of their position. If they are well versed as sanitarians they must know that a polluted stream is a danger to all who take water from it, however far distant from the source of infection. They nust have known of the outbreak of tvphoid in Washington a few years ago following an epidemic of the fever in Cumberland. Even regarding these appearances of the disease as being possibly merely concidental, the first duty of all officials is o assume that there is a chance of the river carrying the germs in an active state from Cumberland to Washington. The hance may be slight, but the risk is nevrtheless great.

Until the health officials of all states work on a system, prearranged between them on either interstate or federal lines of supervision, there will remain these chances for laxity leading to danger. This Mt. Savage case may not be emphasized by a local epidemic. It is sincerely to be hoped that the already large percentage of typhoid in Washington will not be swelled by further cases attributable to the river wa-

ter. But even as it stands, if not a single case develops that can be safely attributed to this source, the fillure of the Maryland authorities to warn Washington immediately upon the appearance of the disease anywhere in the Potomac watershed is to be regarded as a deplorable lack of official capacity and a sign of the need of a sweep-

Meanwhile, boil the Potomac water.

Georgia wisely refrains from trying to explain and devotes itself to trying to provide against repetitions of the events which have brought such unwelcome prominence

The elaborate preparations for the education of the heir to the Russian throne might include a special course in bomb

Some of the capitalists are disposed to figure that with two such estimable men in the presidential field there is no use in getting excited over the campaign fund.

The republicans may be tempted to get out special W. J. Bryan and Tom Watson editions of their campaign book

It is a good deal to ask a Delaware family to show its loyalty by giving a favorite child so uneuphonious a name as "Addicks."

The Japanese continue to win battles and Mr. Root continues to say "No" with a reg-

Foolish Waterfarers.

plarity that is almost monotonous.

Why is it that a person who is ordinarily areful on land, calculating with reasonable accuracy the chances of safety of danger while crossing crowded streets or passing threatening conditions, will forget the perils of the water while affoat and in the moment of emergency throw caution to the winds? This question will never be answered satisfactorily, although daily come new instances of the deplorable fault. From Boston is reported the latest instance of sheer forgetfulness on the water leading to disaster. A small catboat was sailing about in the bay with five people aboard. A hat blew overboard and the man at the helm so maneuvered the little craft as to bring her up to it. The moment it was within reach all the others rushed to the rail to reach for it, and the boat capsized and three were drowned. There was absolutely no occasion for such precipitancy The hat could have been recovered by one person, and even if lost it mattered nothing danger. Yet despite the fact that the boat was a frail shell in deep waters there was apparently no thought of the peril, and a scramble for the hat occurred with no more restraint than though the party were on

Until the lesson of persistent caution and care is learned drowning accidents will continue. The recent tragedy in the Potomac which cost ten lives was due in very

cise of training and skill will continue to pay forfelt with their lives for their folly and awkwardness and nervousness and lack of discipline and self-control. Women are especially to be warned against going affoat until they have become accustomed to the sudden lurching of boats and have trained themselves to sit still in all circumstances until commanded to move by the man in charge. Yet men, too, are frequent viola-

tors of the law of self-control on the water. On every boat which carries passengers, whether on pleasure or on business, there must be a single commander whose word is law. The old inviolable rule that the master of a ship is a monarch with power of life and death is based upon a fundamental principle which will never lose its virtue. Yet today, with the rivers and harbors adjacent to the large cities dotted with pleasure craft, strict discipline is the exception rather than the rule. Amateur sailors wrangle over the management of the boat. The helm is entrusted to beginners, often to women who do not know the difference between a sheet and a sail, and

when emergency arises confusion results, and often death comes in the train. The wise skipper will not take out rowing or sailing any person who chances along, friend or stranger. He will pick his passengers as carefully as the wise passenger picks his skipper. When these two meet, the wise skipper and the wise passenger, accident results only from unavoidable causes and great pleasure is to be had from the water. But the combination seems

unfortunately, to be exceedingly rare. The beef packers and the strikers refuse to arbitrate, and the consumer continues to wonder what the assessment for his unwilling but important part in the procedure will amount to.

At an early stage of civilization man cooks his meat, and as he advances he perceives the wisdom of occasionally boiling his drinking water.

Every now and then some one makes himself conspicuous by announcing that he is not going to the St. Louis fair.

Judge Parker's speeches and letters are regarded with respectful interest; but he is most effective when he uses the telegraph. A number of democrats are frank enough to intimate that Roosevelt would be a very

fine man if it were not for his politics. The Sultan of Turkey feels that he has done quite enough when he has humbled

his pride so far as to make a promise. This is the year when the county fair can always depend on having a campaign

orator as an additional attraction.

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His Conception of Power. "The day will come when their power will

e wrested from the trusts." "Maybe so," answered Senator Sorghum but I don't see how it can be done unless something is discovered that can beat a trust making money."

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"Yes," answered Mr. Meekton; "it is a great comfort to me to hear her describing faults and difficulties for which I cannot possibly be held responsible."

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n year gets easier still. I gives three cheers an' casts a vote, An' den collects de bill.

Useless Knowledge. "Professor Longlox knows a great deal, doesn't he?"

"Yes," answered Miss Cayenne; "he has stored his mind with a remarkable assortment of facts. He is one of those people who can learn more in six months than they can understand in a lifetime"

"If noise counted foh as much as some people think it does," said Uncle Eben, "de whistle would be de captain of de steam-

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The trouble 'bout most platforms, I have noticed in the past, Is that they're always gettin' out of order pretty fast.

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But somehow can't help leavin' ticklish places here an' there.

it's something like an airship that's constructed with such skill

It ought to go along all right; an' yet it never will.

An' I've jes' about concluded that I'll kind o' take things cool, An' go ahead dependin' on the good of

Golden Rule. Now, there's a platform which for years

has proven staunch an' good. It doesn't need a megaphone to make it un-There's no "where-ases" to it, nor no math-

ematics queer; Nor fancy phraseology to mystify the ear. I'll bet some politician will rise up before

we quit An' score an unexpected and an overwhelmin' hit

By turnin' to the simple truths we used to learn at school, An' comin' out flatfooted for the good old Golden Rule.'

Perhaps.

From the Chicago Tribune. It may be that General Miles loves Par-

Mr. Davis' "Done."

From the Boston Transcript. According to the Washington Star, Mr. Henry G. Davis, the democratic candidate for Vice President, in his speech of acceptance indulged in language which, to say the least, was peculiar. Thus, when he came to "imperialism" his words were, as reported by The Star: "Don't, I pray you, do as Caesar and Pompeli done. Don't let this country go as Rome done."

Mr. Davis need not despair. The people

of the United States will never let it go as Rome "done."

Profanity. From the Philadelphia Inquirer. The young man who wants to get clong world will find that profanity, so far from helping him, proves a drawback and often when he least expects it the tenor of his language is harbored up against him. Rather should men and men learn to use the purest English than try to defile it with forbidden epithets.

Venom in This Fling.

From the New York World. David B. Hill in his Binghamton speech called President Roosevelt a frau t. Mr. Hill has no sympathy whatever with a politician who is not always frank and si and ingenuous in all his ways.

From the Chicago Record-Herald. Debs says his vote will surprise people Very likely. And it will be an agreeable

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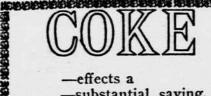
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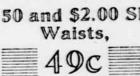
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